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**AGENDA ITEM:** Young Adult Services

**GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:**

**CURRENT STATUS:** In August 1999, the Library of California Board adopted a motion “to pursue a legislative vehicle(s) to implement a statewide Young Adult Services Program based on a program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.” Since the last Board meeting, the following activities have occurred:

**AB 49 IS INTRODUCED**

On December 04, 2000, Assemblymember Carl Washington (52<sup>nd</sup> District) introduced AB 49, which will create the “Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program.” (Exhibit A)

Sponsored by the Library of California Board (Exhibit B), and supported by the California Library Association, the bill is based on the program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.

The bill is identical to AB 2486 which was introduced last year by Assemblymember Washington, but was not signed by the Governor. The only change to date in this year’s bill is the date change for the evaluation component.

According to the bill, the State Librarian shall award grants to local public libraries that provide services to youth including, but not limited to, occupational and post-secondary education information, a homework center, a mentoring center, and a resources clearinghouse providing information regarding local after school programs and activities for youth. \* \$2.5 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Librarian for the purpose of allocating funds on a competitive grant award basis.

\* December 04, 2000 version

**AB 49 HEARING**

AB 49 will be heard by the assembly Local Government Committee on Wednesday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. Members of the Local Government Committee include: Patricia Wiggins (Chair); Simon Salinas (Vice Chair); Dave Cogdill, Ellen Corbett, Lynn Daucher, Manny Diaz, Tom Harman, Jay La Seur, Gloria Negrete McLeod, Fran Pavley.

**RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:** Updates  
on activities by Board members and staff.

Relevant Committee: Access Services  
Staff Liaison: Bessie Condos Tichauer

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 49**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Washington**

December 4, 2000

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An act to add Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 18736) to Chapter 4 of Part 11 of the Education Code, relating to library services, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 49, as introduced, Washington. Public libraries: resources for youths.

Existing law requires the State Librarian to employ a consultant to provide technical assistance to public libraries in the development and enhancement of library services to children and youth.

This bill would direct the State Librarian to award grants on a competitive basis to public libraries for the support of the Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program in the public libraries. The bill would appropriate \$2,500,000 from the General Fund for these purposes and would require an independent evaluation and a report by January 1, 2004.

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the  
2 following:  
3 (1) The state's youth during nonschool hours should have  
4 access to structured activities that support their educational

1 activities and are conducive to personal and professional  
2 development.

3 (2) California's adolescents currently have far too little access  
4 to nonschool hours programs.

5 (3) Crime statistics indicate that the incidence of criminal acts  
6 increases precipitously in the hours immediately following school  
7 recess.

8 (4) Most California adolescents return to empty homes after  
9 school.

10 (5) The prevention of juvenile crime is in every sense  
11 preferable to its punishment.

12 (6) Because of the special challenges of adolescence, it is  
13 appropriate that local communities, in concert with every level of  
14 government, provide youth 13 to 18 years of age with a web of  
15 support complementary to their formal education.

16 (7) California youth 13 to 18 years of age currently lack  
17 adequate opportunities to develop leadership skills and to engage  
18 in work-based learning.

19 (8) Youth 13 to 18 years of age require contact outside of school  
20 with caring adults who can serve as mentors and role models.

21 (9) It is in the interest of the people of California to provide  
22 youth with high-quality nonschool hours programs in safe,  
23 educational settings, and to fund these programs adequately.

24 (10) Public libraries have been established in virtually every  
25 California community to provide the setting and resources for  
26 lifelong learning, and are uniquely well positioned to provide  
27 high-quality nonschool hours services, that serve youth.

28 (11) The services provided by California's 1,100 public  
29 libraries engender a sense of place, interdependence, and  
30 community.

31 (12) Most public libraries in California lack sufficient  
32 resources to provide high-quality nonschool hours services to  
33 youth.

34 (b) Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that the 179  
35 public library jurisdictions serving the people of California should  
36 have sufficient resources to ensure the supplemental services,  
37 extended service hours, and additional personnel necessary to  
38 promote, among youth 13 to 18 years of age, any or all of the  
39 following:

40 (1) Academic support and nonschool hours tutoring.



(2) The closing of the divide between those with access to advanced telecommunications and those without such access.

(3) Youth mentoring and educational peer matching at library sites and at other venues located with the assistance of the library.

(4) Violence prevention and conflict resolution.

(5) Any other approach determined by the public library jurisdiction to effectively promote healthy youth development and safe communities.

SEC. 2. Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 18736) is added to Chapter 4 of Part 11 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 4.6. Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program

18736. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Youth” means California residents 13 to 18 years of age, inclusive.

(b) “Managed geospatial data” means geographically referenced information rendered in a readily accessible format and updated on a regular basis.

18737. The Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program is hereby established. The State Librarian shall provide grants to public libraries for the purpose of providing youth with high-quality nonschool hours services that effectively promote healthy youth development and safe communities. The State Librarian may provide funds to an eligible public library for any two or more of the following youth services:

(a) Academic assistance and enrichment, including, but not limited to, homework centers with study rooms, study lounges and “living rooms,” poetry, and other creative writing programs, and performing and fine arts programs.

(b) Life skills programs, including, but not limited to, occupational and postsecondary education information, health information, conflict resolution and peer mediation, and financial information.

(c) Technology, including, but not limited to, word processors, computer terminals, electronic materials, geographic information systems and other data bases, and technical support and training.

(d) Youth mentoring and educational peer matching, including, but not limited to, the mentoring of youth by adults and the matching of young learners with other youth, at library sites and at other venues located with the assistance of the library.

(e) A clearinghouse of information on educational activities for youth, including, but not limited to, managed geospatial data enabling youth to locate educational assets and opportunities for learning in the surrounding community.

(f) Any other purpose determined by the public library to effectively promote healthy youth development and safe communities.

18738. As a condition of receiving funds under this article, an eligible public library shall do all of the following:

(a) Certify, on a form and in a manner required by the State Librarian, that the funds will be used for the development and operation of a Youth Advisory Council, a majority of whose members shall be composed of youth residing in that jurisdiction. It shall be the responsibility of the council to shape, guide, and help operate the nonschool hours services pursuant to this article.

(b) Ensure that libraries are welcoming to youth by providing flexible scheduling of youth services rendered in appropriate settings.

(c) Deploy staff specially trained to work with youth.

18739. (a) For purposes of this article, the State Librarian shall award grants to local public libraries, on a competitive basis, in amounts not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) and not more than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for each year over a period of two years for the support of youth mentoring and safe communities programs in public libraries. Grants awarded pursuant to this section may be used for salaries of staff responsible for developing or implementing the Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program and for administrative support staff, equipment and supplies, training, and insurance. These grants shall supplement, not supplant, existing library services and funds.

(b) All grants awarded in the second year pursuant to this section shall be matched by the library, library jurisdiction, or nonpublic entity with one dollar (\$1) for each four dollars (\$4) awarded. The match shall be contributed in cash, services, or other resources, with a total value comparable to the required match.

1 (c) No more than 10 percent of the amount appropriated in a  
2 fiscal year for the purposes of the Youth Mentoring and Safe  
3 Communities Grant Program may be used by the State Librarian  
4 for state-level administration, including, but not limited to,  
5 functions required pursuant to Sections 18739.2 and 18739.4.

6 18739.2. The State Librarian shall develop and maintain a  
7 website and publish a periodical that allows participating libraries  
8 and library jurisdictions to share information about the youth  
9 development and mentoring programs made available pursuant to  
10 this chapter.

11 18739.4. The California State Library shall cause an  
12 evaluation of the effectiveness of the grants awarded under this  
13 article to be conducted by an independent entity. By January 1,  
14 2004, the State Librarian shall submit the results of the evaluation  
15 to the Governor and to the fiscal, education, and local government,  
16 committees of the Assembly and Senate.

17 SEC. 3. The sum of two million five hundred thousand  
18 (\$2,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the  
19 State Librarian for allocation exclusively for the purposes of  
20 funding the activities as set forth in this article.

